

A TRADER talks on a phone on the floor of the Philippine Stock Exchange, where shares ended 2.12 percent down in Friday's trading in Makati City.

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Case against cosmetic doctors in botched penile surgery junked for lack of hard evidence

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Half of US doctors use placebo treatments

LONDON—ABOUT HALF of American doctors in a new survey say they regularly give patients placebo treatments—usually drugs or vitamins that won't really help their condition.



HALF A4

RP stocks hit 3-year low; peso falls, too

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson and Doris C. Dumlao

GAINS ON WALL STREET WERE NOT enough to perk up share prices at the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday as stocks closed down 2.12 percent, marking a fresh three-year low, while the peso further slipped against the US dollar.

RP STOCKS A11

World stocks fall on recession fears

WORLD STOCK MARKETS PLUMmeted yesterday, with severe declines in Europe and Asia, on growing alarm that a global recession will savage corporate profits.

The increasingly grim outlook convinced investors that the world economy is headed for a long and severe downturn despite a raft of government rescue efforts aimed at pulling the financial system from the brink.

Fearing more carnage in equity markets, big hedge funds and other institutional investors have been pulling out their money in a bid to reduce risk and raise cash.

Adding to the anxiety has been a barrage of worrisome corporate earnings and pessimistic fourth-quarter outlooks—indicating that the tremors caused by the global credit crisis may have not even begun to be felt.

News from overseas added to investors' anguish. In Japan, shares of electronics giant Sony Corp. sank more than 14 percent after it slashed its earnings forecast for the fiscal year.

In Germany, Daimler's stock dropped 11.4 percent in morning trading after it reported lower third-quarter earnings and abandoned its 2008 profit and revenue guidance.

Asian stocks plunged to their lowest levels in years, led by an 11-percent drop in South Korean shares, as the global economic slowdown and emerging market instability hurt an array of corporate outlooks, pushing up government bonds and the yen.

In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng fell 8.3 percent to 12,618. Markets in India, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines were also down sharply as investors bailed from emerging

WORLD A11

Oil plunges to $61/barrel

East Asian leaders OK creation of $80-B fund

By Christian V. Esguerra

BEIJING (via PLDT)—EAST ASIAN leaders agreed yesterday to create an $80-billion fund to fight the global economic crisis as they met here ahead of a two-day summit with their European colleagues.

The agreement between the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) and its regional dialogue partners, China, Japan and Korea—referred to as the Asean + 3—is the first major coordinated regional action since the financial crisis reached full force last month.

The Asian monetary fund, one of several initiatives floated on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund-World Bank meetings in Washington, DC last week, was described by Finance Secretary Margarito Teves as a multilateral crisis fund arrangement through which regional economies facing a liquidity crunch can borrow a "sizable amount with minimum conditionality."

EAST A15



CHINESE Premier Wen Jiabao greets President Macapagal-Arroyo at the Great Hall of the People before the opening ceremony of the 7th Asia-Europe Meeting Friday in Beijing.

Opec cuts production by 1.5M barrels/day

LONDON—OIL PRICES plunged to the lowest point for 17 months on Friday, as recession fears sparked renewed demand concerns, despite Opec's decision to slash oil output by 1.5 million barrels per day.

Brent North Sea crude for December delivery slumped to $61 per barrel, the lowest since March 2007.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for December delivery, tumbled to $62.85 a barrel, which was last seen in May 2007.

"Recession fears and uncertainty continue to haunt global markets, while tight credit conditions threaten new energy projects all over the world, which could cause a price spike in the longer run," said Sucden analyst Nimit Khamar.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said Friday after two meetings in Vienna that they would cut output from Nov. 1 in an attempt to stabilize plunging oil prices, despite a looming worldwide recession.

OIL PLUNGES A18

Obama leaves campaign, visits grandma

WASHINGTON—IN A POLITICALLY risky move, Barack Obama left the presidential campaign trail to visit his ailing, 85-year-old grandmother, as new polls showed him with solid leads in states that could all but guarantee his victory in the Nov. 4 election.

Two polls released Thursday gave the Democratic senator double-digit leads in Ohio, a battleground state won by Republican President George W. Bush in 2004. Obama also had double digit leads in Pennsylvania, a Democratic state that would be crucial to John McCain's hopes for a come-from-behind victory.

Obama has led most national polls, though some surveys show the race tightening. But the nationwide popular vote does not count for victory in the US system, which depends on state-by-state tallies of electoral votes.

State polls show Obama likely to win all the states that voted for fellow Democrat John Kerry in 2004, plus a few that went to Bush. If he wins all of

OBAMA A6

Missing lawyer taken by cops to Or. Mindoro

By DJ Yap in Manila and Marlon Gines in Legazpi

POLICE HAVE TAKEN IN CUSTODY the chief legal counsel of the militant labor alliance Kilusang Mayo Uno (KMU) on purported murder charges, drawing criticism for the "Gestapo manner" of his arrest.

Remigio Saladero Jr., 49, was taken from his home in Antipolo City, which also serves as his office, by members of the Calabarzon police on Thursday afternoon.

His arrest and the circumstances surrounding it were known only hours

MISSING A4

To Subic and back: 52 cars join 'midnight econo-run'



NO, IT'S not a gas line. It's the Department of Energy's 7-hour fuel consumption run from 11 p.m. Thursday to 6 a.m. Friday.

By Tessa R. Salazar

THERE WAS NO FANFARE AND hardly any spectators. In the dead of night, there were only the cars, their drivers and Department of Energy officials armed with pen, pad and calculator to determine which vehicles were fuel misers or costly gas users.

From 11 p.m. of Oct. 23 to 6 a.m. the next day, 52 different vehicles representing 14 brands ran 233 kilo-

TO SUBIC A6

Now, PNP chief says €105,000 to be used to buy arms, spy gear

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

NOW THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POlice is saying that the P6.9 million brought to Russia early this month by the then PNP comptroller was intended for the purchase of "intelligence equipment."

PNP Director General Jesus Verzosa made the claim in a letter to the Senate foreign relations committee, which is looking into the scandal.

According to the committee chair, Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Verzosa has requested an executive (or closed-door) session from the committee.

"This evening my office received a letter from Verzosa asking my committee to go into an executive session where he will explain that the money was intended to be used for the purchase of intelligence equipment," Santiago told the Inquirer last night.

She said she and Sen. Mar Roxas, the committee vice chair, had agreed

NOW, PNP A6

Where in the world is the 'euro cop'?

By Tarra Quismundo and Michael Lim Ubac

WHERE IS THE EX-COMPTROLLER OF the Philippine National Police for whom Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno and PNP Director General Jesus Verzosa took the heat on Thursday?

"He's just around," lawyer Noel Malaya said of his client Eliseo de la Paz. "We will not be arriving around town, displaying ourselves, after not appearing at the Senate."

WHERE A6

Second FRONTPAGE

SUERTRES

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Finally, Palace stirs up on 'Joc-joc' case

Now wants ex-aggie exec to tell truth on P728-M fertilizer scam

AFTER STEERING CLEAR OF HIS CASE FOR two years, Malacañang now wants Jocelyn "Joc-joc" Bolante to tell the truth on the P728-million fertilizer fund scam—and preferably in court.

Removal order

Census

Issue another warrant

New rice action plan for Asean endorsed

BBC apologizes to RP for offensive TV show

Expressed dismay

Silent vigil

WHAT'S INSIDE

Esperat slay suspects can't leave RP


The wise man builds his house on rock.
Rockwell changes what was once old and grey into something new and green again.
See how you can build on Rockwell.
THE GROVE
by Rockwell
Along C-5, near Ortigas Avenue.



Ateneo prexy rebukes profs' stand on RH bill

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ATENEO DE MANILA University has dissociated the school from the position of its faculty members expressing support for the Reproductive Health Bill now pending in the House of Representatives.

In a memo to the Ateneo community wherein he quoted his reply to a request for clarification from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, Ateneo president Fr. Bienvenido Nebres said the faculty members had made it clear that they were speaking for themselves alone.

Nebres, in his memo dated Oct. 23, also made it clear that the Ateneo stands with church leaders in questioning and objecting to the family planning and population management measure.

Nebres indicated that CBCP President Angel Lagdameo asked for a clarification from him in connection with the statement of the Ateneo teachers' position favoring the RH Bill.

Ateneo faculty members have released a position paper entitled Catholics Can Support the RH Bill in Good Conscience and dated Oct. 20. The position paper was widely reported in the newspapers.

"In reply to a request for clarification from His Excellency Most Rev. Angel N. Lagdameo, D.D., President of the CBCP I wrote him (on Oct. 22)... the faculty members clearly state that they are not speaking for the Ateneo de Manila and that this is their personal position," Nebres said in his memo dated Oct. 23.

Nebres said he has also written Archbishop Antonio Ledesma and Bishop Gabriel Reyes as early as Oct. 3 about the Ateneo's position against the RH Bill.

Nebres said several Jesuits have met with members of the faculty in a dialogue regarding the RH Bill. *Norman Bordadora*

Correction

IN THE OCT. 24 ISSUE, a front-page article—"China cars to enter via Port Irene"—misspelled the name of a car parts manufacturer and assembler in China. The company's name is Dong Feng—not Dong Fang.

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Readers may send their requests for correction of factual errors in writing to the Inquirer, Philippine Daily Inquirer PDI Building, Chino Roces Avenue corner Mascardo Street, Makati City.

RP, Qatar ink pacts on OFWs' benefits

THE PHILIPPINES AND QATAR HAVE RECENTLY inked additional protocols that would pave the way for better benefits and security to overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in the Middle Eastern country.

This was revealed yesterday by the Department of Labor and Employment after Secretary Marianito Roque met with Qatari officials during his visit there last week.

Roque said the additional protocols to the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) not only boosted the bilateral partnership of Qatar and the Philippines, but also remedied the gaps in the labor environment.

Roque and Qatar Minister of Labor Sultan bin Hassan Al-Dhabit Al-Dosari signed the protocols in Doha last Oct. 19.

Qatar currently hosts an estimated 190,000 OFWs. *Kristine L. Alave*

Romy Medina; 73

ROMUALDO "ROMY" MEDINA, A FORMER correspondent of the pre-martial law Manila Times and the Philippine Daily Inquirer, died last Wednesday. He was 73.

He is survived by his wife Nedy and children Fidel, Nenang, Imelda, Bebe, Nonglay, Jessie, Romy Jr. and Tina.

His body lies at the Olongapo Memorial Chapel. He will be brought to the National Press Club on Oct. 26 where necrological services will be held. The body will be returned to Olongapo City on Oct. 27 where the final wake will be held before his cremation on Oct. 28.

Cops on full alert to secure delegates to int'l forum on migration

THE NATIONAL CApital Region Police Office (NCRPO) has placed the entire Metro Manila on full alert in time for the arrival of delegates to the international forum on migration on Monday.

Director Jefferson Soriano, NCRPO chief, yesterday said President Macapagal-Arroyo directed him to ensure the safety of the participants to the Global Forum on Migration and Development at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City.

Slated on Oct. 27-30, the forum is expected to draw over 1,000 foreign labor ministers and other dignitaries from 151 countries.

Soriano said his troops and United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will be among the VIPs at the mid-event.

"This forum will surely be a security nightmare. We want everything to go as smooth as possible."

Soriano said over 4,000 policemen would be fielded in the metropolis, including a 1,500-strong Crowd Disturbance Management (CDM) team. *Marlon Ramos*

UN head to receive UP award

UNITED NATIONS Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will receive a doctorate of laws (honoris causa) from the University of the Philippines on Oct. 29.

The ceremony will be held at the Malcolm Theater, College of Law in UP Diliman starting at 2 p.m.

Ban will be in Manila to attend the 2nd Global Forum on Migration and Development, being keenly aware of the need for the international community to deal with the challenges and opportunities that migration presents.

He will receive the honorary degree from the UP Board of Regents, led by its chair, Dr. Emmanuel Angeles. Officials of the UP System and of the constituent universities as well as members of the UP faculty will be present.

The honoree will be introduced by Sen. Edgardo Angara, former UP president and chair of the UP Centennial Commission.

Ban is being honored for numerous accomplishments in the field of diplomacy, more specifically in his capacity as UN secretary general.

He has been praised by various UN ambassadors for being a staunch advocate of the global action to fight climate change. World leaders have also acknowledged his leadership in trying to end the conflict in Darfur, Sudan.

He is the second Asian to hold the position of UN secretary general. The first was U Thant of Burma, who also received an honorary degree from UP in 1970.



Missing lawyer taken by cops to Or. Mindoro

Palace to media: Be responsible on rebel interviews

MILF leader, jailed since 2006, charged with leading town raid

The Daily Gospel

Polls bother, bewilder even analysts

'Bradley Effect'

Obama leaves campaign, visits grandma



DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama walks off his campaign plane Thursday in Honolulu, Hawaii. Obama has cancelled two days of campaigning to visit his ailing grandmother.

'The last one left'

Twin endorsements

Blacks swarm to the polls

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Jurisdiction

Now, PNP chief says €1

'Profuse apologies'

Half of US doctors use



THE DEPARTMENT of Energy organizes seven-hour fuel consumption run which travels NLEx, the North Luzon Expressway (NLEx) and the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEx) into one long proving ground from 11 p.m. Thursday to 6 a.m. Friday.

To Subic and back: 52 cars join 'midnight ec

And the winners are ...

Energy crisis?

Controlled

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Disappointment

No explicit authority

'Better forum'

05,000 to be used to buy arms, spy gear

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Chronic fatigue, insomnia

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conditions

Got ready, get set

Philippine Daily Inquirer

Opinion

Escape artists

Editorial

ELISEO DE LA PAZ CAME HOME TUESDAY PROtesting his innocence, after being detained in Moscow for 10 days for trying to leave Russia with 105,000 euros in his bag. "I know I have not done anything illegal," he told reporters in a press conference. "I have with me all the supporting documents to prove my innocence and clear my fellow delegates."



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Public Lives

Randy David



'Modernizing multilateralism and markets'

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Robert B. Zoellick

Hunger: the real crisis

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Mahar Mangahas

From teacher to mentor

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Butch Hernandez

The Gospel, according to SWS

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YOUNG BLOOD

Jaime A. Manalo IV

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Retired Police Director Eliseo de la Paz

New peace ideas needed

Pelayo denies heading movement vs Panlilio

Biazon looked for wrong kind of base

RP corruption high up, down below

BIDDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF PRESENTATION EQUIPMENT AT BARRETTO HALL

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

INQUIRER Visayas

DepEd faces tough time on ICT plan

THE DEPARTMENT of Education faces a tough challenge in implementing its information and communication technology (ICT) road map.

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New item

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Private sector role

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5-year activity

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Coordination

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GMA rice program failure in Vizcaya

BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA—THE GOVERNMENT'S RICE program in the province has failed because of the inability of the local government to implement the terms of its agreement with the Department of Agriculture, according to the Commission on Audit.

"These are exactly the reasons we are having this present rice shortage..."



JOLO'S BEAUTY

Libel rap on 'Burlesk King' case junked

P200M in villages' funds unliquidated, says exec



Oil plunges to $61/barrel

'Fall in demand will deepen'

Another OPEC meeting

Cut may not be enough

$50/barrel next year

Surging dollar

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East Asian leaders ...

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'Gloomy outlook'

Mining, oil down

BSP support

BFAD MELAMINE TEST RESULTS

As Of 23 October 2008

MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS WHERE NO MELAMINE WAS DETECTED

1. Captain Classics Lollipop
2. Chaon Hongxin Milk Flavour Candy (Special)
3. Columbia's Choco-pik Instant Choco Malt Drink, 40g & 300g
4. Dairy America Skimmed Milk Processed/Spray Processed (repacked)
5. Dongguan Mayong Guang Feng Biscuit
6. Golden Haosheng Candy
7. Good Taste Strong Candy (Assorted Flavors)
8. Harden Foods Milkoholic Candy (Assorted Flavors)
9. Harvey Lacto Strength Milk (Assorted Flavors)
10. Le Tian You Ice Candy
11. Lianrong Biscuit with Chocolate Coated
12. Mellina Fusion OH Chocolate Cookies w/ Filling
13. Meiji Black Chocolate Bar
14. Meiji Hi Milk Chocolate Bar
15. Miramar Confectionery Nougat Candy
16. Candies (Prosperity Flavour) (MM)
17. Crisbeta Toffee Roll Candy (MM)
18. Really Savory Candy (MM)
19. Soft Candy (MM)
20. Yanyuan Circle Pebble Candy (MM)
21. Nicefoods White O Ring Candy
22. Nutri-Express 11 Nutritional Elements Colored Orange Cap and Label
23. Nutri-Express 11 Nutritional Elements Colored Red Cap and Label
24. Pioneer Skimmed Milk Powder (repacked)
25. Quality Food Coffee Candy
26. Sweet Dart Coffee Milk Candy
27. Sweet Dart Milky Milk Candy
28. Wardie Foods Coffee Mail Tea Cookies Biscuits (yellow wrapper)
29. Wantone Orange Egg Rolls
30. Want-Want Hot Kid Milk Candy (3 Milky & Chewy)
31. Want-Want Sen Bei Rice Crackers
32. Yallilai Olympic Star Candies Beijing 2008

PREVIOUS LIST OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS WHERE MELAMINE WAS DETECTED

1. [illegible]
2. Milk Cow Slender High Calcium Low Fat Milk [illegible], 1 Liter
3. LOTTE [illegible] KOALA Biscuit
4. LOTTE Chocolate Snack KOALA Biscuit
5. LOTTE Strawberry Snack KOALA Biscuit
6. Mengniu Drink (in Chinese character)

PREVIOUS LIST OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS WHERE NO MELAMINE WAS DETECTED

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PREVIOUS LIST OF MEAT PRODUCTS WHERE NO MELAMINE WAS DETECTED

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ADVISORY FROM THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN BEIJING

MELAMINE DETECTED IN THE FOLLOWING BRANDS OF INFANT MILK POWDER

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Aplus METRO

Charges filed vs Calayans junked

Prosecutor says evidence of botched penile surgery insufficient

By Allison W. Lopez

THE MAKATI CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS DISMISSED charges of botching a penile-enlargement surgery filed against a noted cosmetic surgeon and his doctor wife because of "insufficiency of evidence."

In an 11-page resolution, investigating prosecutor Dennis Rafe junked complaints of reckless imprudence resulting in serious physical injuries and obstruction of justice against Dr. Manuel Calayan and his wife, Dr. Francia "Flo" Calayan, filed by Filipino-American Lorenzo Martinez.

The Calayan couple, owners of Calayan Surgicentre, were sued by Martinez, also known as Lorenz Rosebuk, for allegedly deforming his penis as a result of an enlargement procedure in September 2007.

Martinez filed a P20-million suit against Calayan and his wife for allegedly making false representations by claiming that the penile operation, which included the use of dermal filler aquagel, was "medically safe."

The prosecutor found no probable cause to indict the Calayans, saying Martinez was not induced by the couple to undergo the penile surgery. Rafe said the complainant admitted he "purposely came to the Philippines from the United States to avail of penile enlargement services being offered by the respondents."

As for Martinez's claim that Calayan made false representations about his credentials, the prosecutor said the complainant did not rebut the doctor's statement that he had been performing the penile enlargement procedure since 2004 "without a single patient being found to complain."

Martinez's assertion that he was forced to sign the consent form, the prosecutor added, was belied by his signature that signified he had "full knowledge of (the procedure's) import."

Rafe said the complainant's claims that the chemical aquagel was not supposed to be used in penile enlargement procedures were based on "hearsay."

"Without sufficient evidence of the negligent acts imputed to respondent Dr. Calayan, the criminal charge of reckless imprudence against him has no leg to stand on and must perforce fall," Rafe said.

Lawyer Reggie Ulod, counsel for Calayan, said the Calayans were vindicated by the dismissal of the complaints. "It also reassures their patients of the professional standards and the quality of medical services that the Calayan clinic provides," he added.

In his complaint, Martinez said he paid P145,000 for an operation that only caused bumps, sagging, and "unrelenting pain" in his penis. He added that the respondents tried to suppress evidence by erasing the ad for penile surgery on their website after his operation, hence, the charge of obstruction of justice.

Calayan, in his counter-affidavit, said the patient was properly informed of the risks and Martinez signed the consent form, acknowledging that the procedure had "no guarantee."



EMPLOYEES stream out of call center building in Mandaluyong City after receiving a bomb threat sent by a prankster through a text message.

Bomb threat disrupts call center operations

By DJ Yap

A PRANKSTER'S BOMB THREAT, sent by text message, disrupted operations for three hours early Friday at a call center building in Mandaluyong City.

Hundreds of contact center agents left their workstations as a 10-man bomb squad searched for a bomb on the 22nd floor of Robinsons Cybergate Tower II on Pioneer Street, Barangay Buayang Bato, police said.

Mandaluyong chief of police Senior Supt. Carlos de Sagun said that about 10:30 p.m. on Thursday a prankster sent a message to Carmina Montano, site lead manager of Accenture, a call center company.

The message, in Filipino, read: "A bomb will explode in the locker at 12:30 a.m."

Montano reported the bomb threat to Angel Cabrera, manager of Global Security, who requested a K-9 unit from the Mandaluyong police, De Sagun said.

The police immediately deployed a 10-man team from the Explosives and Ordnance Unit, supplemented by a separate Special Weapons and Tactics team from the Eastern Police District, the official said.

Two bomb-sniffing dogs were also sent to the area, he added.

As part of safety procedures, all employees were asked to leave the building, De Sagun said. A little less than 1,000 people were asked to leave.

"Fortunately, the people did not panic and calmly walked out of the building," he told the Inquirer.

De Sagun said that after three hours, with the bomb squad finding no explosives or incendiary materials, the building was declared safe.

Driver of killer bus issued 30 traffic citations in past

Maid Miriam wins public sympathy

ON TARGET

Girl leaves suicide note in text message

METRO MOMS BEHIND 'LARONG PINOY'



Caloocan gets ready for cemetery crowd

METROBRIEFS

Security escorts of armored van held

Clinical laboratory employees face charges

Austria; 80

Thailand, Cambodia agree to prevent clashes



THAI regional army commander Wiboonsak Neeparn (left) shakes hands with his Cambodian counterpart Chea Mon, general commander of the 4th region, after signing documents which seek to ease tensions in the countries' borders.

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WorldBriefs

Colombia spy chief quits; agency spied on senator

BOGOTA, Colombia—[illegible]

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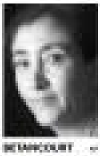
Chinese activist wins EU human rights prize



BEIJING—Hu Jia, a self-taught, bespectacled advocate for democracy and human rights in China, was awarded Europe's most prestigious human rights prize on Thursday. [illegible]

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Betancourt to receive Spanish award



BETANCOURT

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The WORLD

China arrests 6 over tainted milk scandal

BEIJING—CHINA HAS ARRESTED SIX MORE PEOPLE FOR THEIR role in supplying contaminated milk to the country's dairy companies, as the health ministry said more than 3,600 Chinese children remain hospitalized after consuming compromised products.

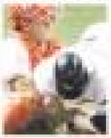
Turkish court says premier involved in antisecularism



CONTESTANTS pose backstage before a US Republican vice-presidential nominee Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin look-alike stripper contest at a nightclub in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Oct. 22.

Palin insists she is 'frugal'

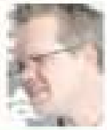
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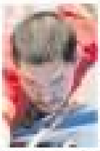
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US OPEN 9-BALL

Bustamante, Alcano stay unscathed with 6 others





TNT Texters end Alaska's victory binge





Diay's darling lifts La Salle over Lady Stags

By Jasmine W. Payo

STEPHANIE MERCADO scored in a career-high 19 kills as La Salle fought back from a set down to grab solo lead with an 18-25, 25-21, 25-15, 25-16 triumph over San Sebastian College in the Shakey's V-League volleyball competition yesterday at The Arena in San Juan.

Coach Ramil de Jesus, whose Lady Archers improved to 2-0, said his wards struggled with the Lady Stags' speed in the first frame.

"Good thing we were able to adjust, especially in blocking," noted De Jesus.

Mercado, a daughter of former Asian Queen of Sprints Lydia "Diay" De Vega, also shone brightly on defense, foiling 15 Lady Stags attacks.

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ATTABOY? Michelle Laborte [illegible] Lyceum's Dahlia Cruz [illegible]

Asian Beach Games: RP bidders nail 2 bronzes

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Piñol decries the dirtiest blow in boxing

BARE EYE

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Roquero Cup fires off

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Ynares stakes NCA Stag Big Event derby crown

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Gritty Rays square World Series



Game 3 shifts to Pennsylvania

Stern says stars will stay in NBA



Federer survives Nieminen

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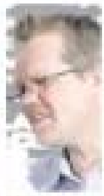
UNIVERSITY GAMES

Blue Eagles flog UI five; Xavier XI draws with San Beda

By Cedelf P. Tupas

Roach denies assault

By Marc Anthony Reyes



ROACH



Perfect Bichara sweeps Superbike races

By Steve Silva, Contributor

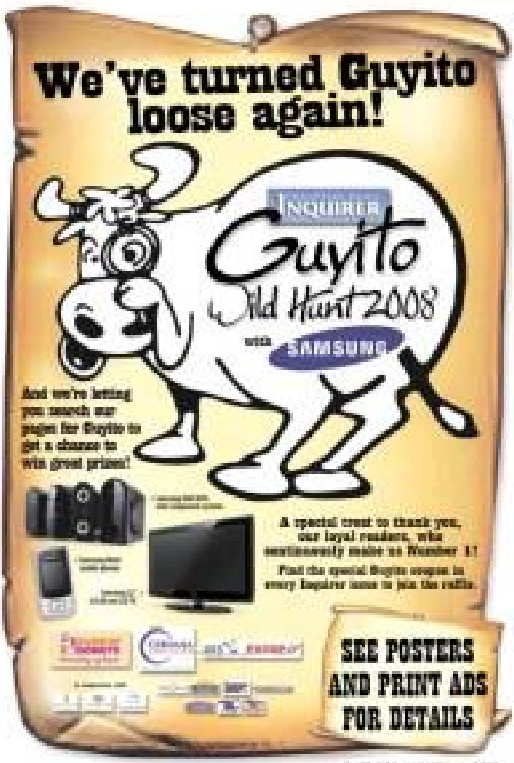


BICHARA

Que trails Gleeson by seven

Butuan Milo 21K draws 5,000 entries

SJC 'Rambulan' today





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- Banks' credit card receivables up 6.2% in Q2 /B3

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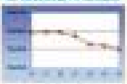
Shipments of electronics components slumped 26.5%

By Michelle V. Remo

THE COUNTRY'S IMPORTS ROSE MARGINALLY BY 1.1 percent to $5.04 billion in August from a year ago on demand for electronics slumped amid anticipation that business would not pick up in the coming months.

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Stocks close lower

BSP eases rules on booking of bank investments

By Doris C. Dumlao

PDIC backs insurance coverage hike to ₱1M

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Temporary measure for three years

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Import growth weakened to 1.1% in August

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Banks' credit card receivables up 6.2% in 2nd qtr

Warning of tough times ahead, solon seeks changes to '09 national budget

By Michelle V. Remo

Auto loan transactions also expanded by 6.2 percent

CSR - - Beyond the Basics

Bank Marketing Association of the Philippines is offering a whole-day seminar with workshop on Corporate Social Responsibility or CSR. The featured speakers are Boris Joaquin, Director of World Vision, Tina Amor-Dumlao, an award-winning journalist and Atty. Malou Lim, from Isla Lipana, who specializes on tax laws.

The workshop will cover topics such as the latest developments, approaches and best practices in CSR. Get to know the laws and regulations and understand how to build goodwill and enhance corporate reputation thru CSR.

The workshop is ideal for people from marketing communications, human resources and finance. Participants from Communications field will learn how to maximize the many benefits of CSR from media and customer viewpoints.

The seminar hopes to present a better understanding of what media practitioners appreciate and look for so that your company's CSR efforts are better communicated across different publics. Participants from Human Resources will learn how to utilize CSR to maintain employee loyalty. Other topics include how to avail of tax exemptions and related policies.

CSR - - Beyond the Basics is on October 29 from 8 am to 5pm. Seminar fee is Php 750 for BMAP members and participants from member institutions and Php 950 for non-members. Venue is at BancNet Office, 10th floor Equitable Tower, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City. For inquiries and registration, pls call Jonnoh or Jill of the BMAP Secretariat at 837-1116, 837-1118 or 0920-5803832 or 0916-5127482.

More Than 45, 000 Promises Kept and Fulfilled

More than P3 billion in educational benefits have been released by the Philippine American Life and General Insurance Company (Philamlife) and Philam Plans, Inc. over the past four years fulfilling their promises to more than 45, 000 scholars all over the country.

Education benefits have been consistently and promptly released to scholars, ranging from elementary, secondary and tertiary levels. This term, total of P402 million will be given to the parents of 41,550 scholars in time for the second half of the academic year 2008-2009.

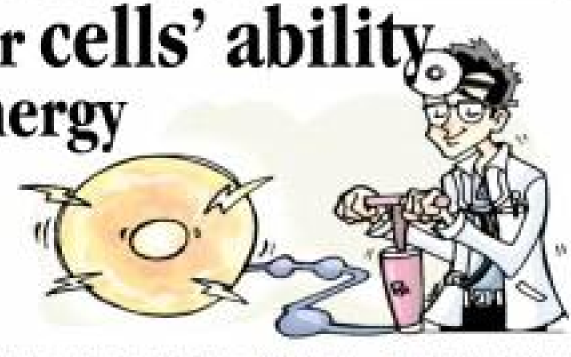
"The company is a strong advocate of empowering the youth through education which is why fulfilling our promises to more than 45,000 scholars is a top priority," says country manager for the Philam Group Jose L. Cuisia Jr.

More than its promise to more than 45, 000 scholars, the bigger pledge that Philamlife has been fulfilling for sixty years now is its pledge to continuously provide superior value and breakthrough innovation to its customers through its different products. Philamlife is dedicated to this being the leader in the industry.

As of December 31, 2007, Philamlife and its subsidiaries reported a consolidated assets of P170 billion and consolidated Stockholders' Equity of P48.5 billion. In 2007, revenues amounted to P36.7 billion reflecting a 14% growth while New Business from Life Insurance Operations of P7.4 billion was higher by 57.6% versus the previous year. In the same year, benefits totaled to P6.6 billion.

SCIENCE/HEALTH

Enhancing our cells' ability to produce energy



By Charles E. Buban

KREBS CYCLE refers to a series of chemical reactions happening within all living cells that utilize oxygen as part of their respiration process.

Smooth operation

Waste of money

Folate deficiency may lead to babies with birth defects

By Kenneth M. del Rosario
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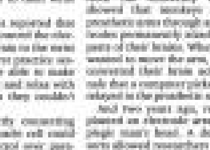
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Better control

Power of the mind

Neural device

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT *AYURVEDIC* HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS



PROPERTY

Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang



Engineered stones getting popular

By Charles E. Buban

THE GROWING POPULARITY of engineered stone is entirely understandable. Engineered stones offer qualities that not many natural stones could match.

Aside from being durable, lightweight and easily installed, engineered stones can be manufactured in many different unique colors and patterns.

"Moreover, engineered stones have no fissures, veins or other imperfections that may compromise the strength of natural stones. Also, engineered stones no longer make it hard for installers to match corners or slab edges," explained GT Stoneworks marketing manager Kimberly Co.

GT Stoneworks has been a popular choice among home builders because their engineered stone products possess color and design consistency that few real stones could offer.

This is made possible by the company's unique concrete stamping system that is able to duplicate nature's texture with incredible realism.

"It's like having the real granite, slate, stone and brick," Co described.

According to Co, the quality of their products will greatly improve now that GT Stoneworks has acquired the franchising, licensing and

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Structural antidotes to sick building syndrome

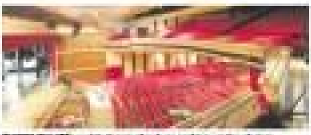
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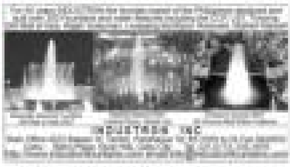
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Little Baguio Terraces ideal for raising kids



The effect of the world financial crisis on environment

GREEN ARCHITRENDS

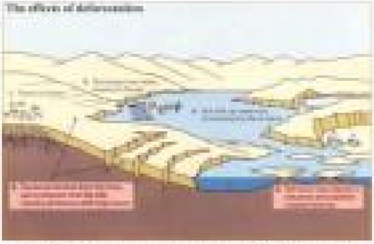


On the positive side

On the negative side

Another type of crisis

Where do we go from here?



Fairways at the crossroads of necessity and luxury

Completely stunning



DINING room



BEDROOM

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Botong and Lucio:
The two Higantes of Angono







From Botong Francisco's epic murals to Maestro Lucio San Pedro's grand operas – just like its Higantes, everything in Angono is larger than life.

Only minutes away from the city, the peaceful town of Angono is home to some of the most influential figures in Philippine art such as Maestro Lucio San Pedro whose music, according to critics, defines creative nationalism – one that fuses art and patriotism. Famous for his works like Sa Ugoy ng Duyan, Sa Mahal Kong Bayan, and Lahing Kayumanggi, he was able to depict the Filipino soul and values with his symbolic libretto and dreamy rhythm.

Surrounded by breathtaking views of Laguna de Bay and the rugged Sierra Madre mountains, it's no wonder that Maestro Lucio cites Angono's picturesque views Laguna de Bay and Mount Sembrano to be among his inspirations. Angono's musical giant reached his zenith when he was awarded the National Artist award in 1991.

From one Angono-born National Artist to another, Carlos "Botong" Francisco is considered as one of the pillars of Philippine art because of his works like Muslim Wedding, Bayanihan, and Kawit which captured the resilience and grace of Filipinos. But aside from creating art, Botong also seeks it out like in the case of the Angono Petroglyphs which he was



'Angono, Antipolo, Rizal serve as home to art and music enthusiasts who dream of following the footsteps of its two Higantes'

credited as discovering in the 1960s.

Today, a new generation of creative artists such as the Angono Artists Association, Angono Ateliers Association, and the Neo-Angono Artists Collective guards and continues the Cradle of Philippine Art's artistic heritage through various art expressions that highlight the richness and diversity of Angono's contemporary art.

All these serve as proof that Angono, Antipolo, Rizal serve as home to art and music enthusiasts who dream of following the footsteps of its two Higantes. And in their aim to fulfill the Filipino dream – especially that of aspiring artists – Filinvest Legacy has just found another reason to celebrate Angono by creating a haven for aspiring artists at Havila.

Much more than just a block of bricks or a mass of concrete, Havila is a conduit for the Filipino dream. "At the end of the day, the only question we ask ourselves is whether or not we have fulfilled our responsibility to the real people who live in the cities, communities and homes that we have created," shares Mr Rene Tan, project group head for Havila.

Only 12 kilometers away from the Ortigas ...

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A diversity of living experiences in prime locations

Filinvest Legacy - providing the home your family deserves



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You have done much in providing a good life for your family. Now it's time to invest in a home where you can see your children establish their own dreams. This is where Filinvest is committed to help.

Filinvest, one of the country's leading real estate developers, is dedicated to giving you the dream home for your family. Through the past four decades, it has proven its commitment to building the Filipino dream, one home at a time.

Under its Filinvest Legacy brand, the company offers a wide selection of residential options with all the essentials for a metropolitan lifestyle - impeccable location, well-crafted homes and safe neighborhoods - all tailored to meet the demands of today's urban professionals and upwardly mobile families.

Pleasures of suburbia

Experience the traditional village lifestyle while staying close to your daily destinations. Filinvest Legacy offers a wide array of themed communities, conveniently situated in various parts of the country, each one an ideal environment to raise a family.

If you're from the northern part of Luzon, you can choose Hampton Orchards in Bacolor, Pampanga, less than 20 minutes away from the Clark Special Economic Zone. With its American-themed houses, it provides the soothing backdrop of nature and the conveniences of modern amenities.

Those who prefer to settle in Cebu can opt for Corona del Mar, a seaside development that boasts of prime beachfront residences facing the Bohol Strait, with luxurious amenities highlighting the coastal features. In Davao, Orange Grove marked Filinvest's initial foray into the island of Mindanao. With its high elevation, the mountain park theme showcases nature's attractions and an inspiring panorama of the surrounding areas. Its success led to the launching of other residential communities in the city.

Perks of condo living

For a more dynamic lifestyle, Filinvest Legacy presents the convenience of condominium living in accessible urban locations. Two attractive options are Studio 2 and Entrata, both located within Filinvest Corporate City in Alabang.

Following the success of its predecessor Studio One, Studio Two offers another opportunity to own cozy studio units in the heart of the Northgate Cyberzone information technology park. It's the practical choice for call center agents and yuppies working in the Alabang area who want a



CORONA del Mar model house



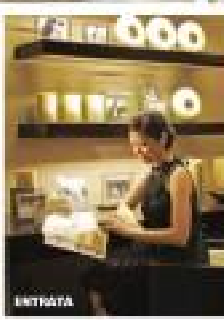
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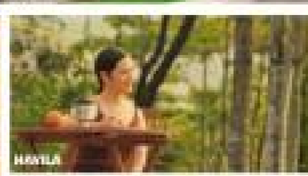
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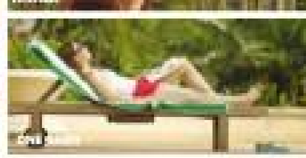
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Botong and Lucio:

The two Higantes of Angono

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Ortigas Business District, Havila's strategic location makes it a gateway to the East, where every aspiring Filipino artist's dream of a more enriched life, surrounded by magnificent landscapes becomes a reality. With majestic views of Mt. Banahaw and Laguna de Bay, Havila proves to be the perfect place to rest, breathe and experience the creative spirit.

With its four residential communities - Highlands Pointe, Mission Hills, Forest Farms and Villa Montserrat - that are designed to provide the needs of its residents' different lifestyles, Havila is also equipped with recreational facilities, schools and different commercial and leisure establishments to complement Filinvest Legacy's ideals of giving their residents a holistic living experience.

"Like everyone else, we thought that it was just a coincidence how all these artistic souls converged in Angono - that is until we saw the place itself," says Tan. "At first sight, we understood how the ruggedly beautiful landscapes of Angono were able to inspire two of its greatest sons, Botong Francisco and Maestro Lucio San Pedro."

With Havila's commitment to nurture every aspiring Filipino artist's dream through a township that brings together the artist and his muse, the Cradle of Philippine Art might have more than two Higantes like Maestro Lucio San Pedro and Carlos "Botong" Francisco in the future.

Havila is a township surrounded by art and nature under Filinvest Legacy that's only 12 kilometers away from the Ortigas Business District. For more information, please call [illegible] or [illegible] or contact Havila sales head [illegible] at [illegible].



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Master-planned townships



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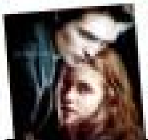


"Strategically masterplanned to give the best of both modern lifestyle and country living, Timberland Heights is a 677-hectare township that includes farm estate, residential spaces, a leisure and recreation landmark, commercial hubs, churches and an international school"



2bU LIFESTYLE

Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan · Supervising Editor Pam Pastor





Role-playing the different netherworld characters, one taps into one's creative imagination

Diary of a 'Twilight' fan

By Laura Abad

I'D LIKE TO THINK THE STUdents in my school were among the first teens who got hooked on the first "Twilight" book by Stephenie Meyer.

I was first intrigued by the book when the Inquirer published a short piece on it. Then one of my classmates told me that his girlfriend had the book and offered to lend it to me and my sister. The cover was not the black background with the apple on the cover yet—it was a picture of a girl with short black hair, standing in front of a dark grey background.

Hooked

My sister read the book first. The next day, she passed it to me. The book was passed around and soon, other batchmates and younger students in our school got hooked on it too.

I was so obsessed with "Twilight" that we had to buy two sets of the then three books to add to our collection. One was for letting other people borrow, and one was for our personal reading pleasure. You could only imagine the wear and tear those books will get after being read so many times by so many people.

Coupled with my obsession was the need to know more information about it. I visited Stephenie Meyer's website, eager to know which celebrities will play which character in the movie, to read the scenes not included in the book and to view pictures of parties celebrating each book's release.

Role-playing

During the summer of 2008, I grew extremely bored, and so I visited again Stephenie's site. It was there that I stumbled upon the world of role-playing.

One of Stephenie's site's sections has "Twilight" links leading to websites that give the latest news about the movie, sites about bands that compose and perform songs inspired by the story and the role-playing game sites.

These RPG sites are not the same as simulation games like Defense of the Ancients, Call of Duty and World of Warcraft. I call it literary RPG. Basically, you create a character and you role-play.

Rules and limitations

There are certain rules and limitations in RP-ing too. You control only the actions of your character and therefore you can only write about your character's feelings, thoughts and actions.

If you're RP-ing Edward, you cannot say things that Bella did to Edward. This would be inconsiderate to the person who RPs Bella.

The first site I joined (http://[illegible]) had around 400 members. As expected, most of the book's characters were already taken. I settled for making an original character, one whom I created in my head. She carried my name and in truth she was like me in many ways. Her characteristics were like mine, but she was older, more mature, and she possessed some characteristics that I would've liked to develop more.

Vegetarian vampire

Laura Janelle was her name and she was a vegetarian vampire. The members of that first RPG site were very warm and welcoming. The chatbox was constantly alive and Emmy and the senior members gladly welcomed us newbies. Some of the site's senior members would send me private messages, explaining things about the site.

Soon, I too became a more experienced member and my character developed relationships with others. In one thread, Laura almost got a boyfriend. In another, she helped a friend to give up her job as a prostitute, and she gained a best friend in a thread that technically had the span of

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Diary of a 'Twilight' fan

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Death of Laura

Morphing into Jasper



Want to role-play?

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Machined from a solid piece of aluminum, the new MacBook is thinner, lighter, and more powerful than ever. And it's stunning in any setting. NVIDIA delivers the most advanced graphics yet to MacBook for powering through 3D games, which you'll enjoy on the brilliant, ultrathin LED-backlit display. Click anywhere on the all-new glass Multi-Touch trackpad—the spacious, smooth surface doubles as the button. The new MacBook is truly the next generation of notebooks.

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Liven up your day with Jollibee Crispy Bangus

Now even more delicious and richer in taste: Jollibee's Crispy Bangus is back to liven up your everyday Jollibee experience from morning till night.

The Jollibee Crispy Bangus is a welcome and exciting addition to Jollibee's line-up of delicious rice meals. People who are craving for something different from the usual fastfood fare will surely enjoy this lightly smoked portion of cut bangus with a distinct peppery and vinegar taste and fried to a golden crisp.

It comes in two variants, the After Breakfast Crispy Bangus and the Breakfast Crispy Bangus. The After Breakfast Crispy Bangus is served with plain rice and tomato slices. You can opt to have it solo at P62 (one piece) and P99 (two pieces) or order it as a Value Meal with your choice of softdrink for P72 (one piece) and P108 (two pieces).

For those who want a real Pinoy breakfast to start off their day, then the one-piece Breakfast Crispy Bangus is a sure winner. It comes with garlic rice, a slice of tomato and fried egg.

Solo Breakfast Crispy Bangus is available for only P64, while the value meal Breakfast Crispy Bangus with your choice of drink is priced at P74.

The Breakfast Crispy bangus is offered during breakfast hours or until 11am while All-Day Crispy Bangus is available from 11am onwards in all Jollibee stores nationwide.

Surely, Jollibee never runs out of ideas to satisfy the Filipino palate.



Five tips for your Halloween costume

Text by Bianca Consunji
Photos by Jake Verzosa

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT HALloween is just for children who want to hoard all the candy they can, think again. Halloween is that one time of the year when teens (or 20-somethings) can mingle and wear outrageous costumes without looking like they're stuck in a time warp or on the way to a cosplay convention. If you wanted to wear a princess costume as a 6 year-old kid and never really got around to doing so, then there's no better time to relive your childhood fantasies than Halloween.

But while there are a lot of good costumes, there are lots of lousy ones, too. However, getting together a good costume doesn't mean that you have to shell out thousands of pesos on an outfit that you're going to wear only for one day (save that for your wedding). If you're going to go trick-or-treating with your friends or just want to show off at a costume party, keep in mind 2BU's guide for getting a great Halloween costume without blowing your budget.



DON'T hesitate to go all out on accessories.



RECYCLE old prom gowns and similar outfits.



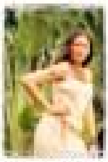
MAKE costumes out of your everyday clothes.

1 Use clothes that you already have at home. If you must buy, then purchase something that you can wear again for mixing with other wearable items. For instance, if you want to go as Catwoman, look for a black catsuit or pair of shoes and wear it with a tank top and high-heeled boots. Don't have boots? Borrow them from a Halloween-savvy friend instead of buying. You can also use your prom gown and go as a Disney princess.



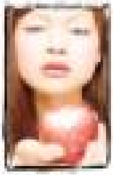
USE WIGS and makeup to emphasize your costume.

2 Play around with makeup and wigs. Nothing changes your look more than a drastic change of hair and makeup. Go all out by painting your face green ala Maleficent from "Sleeping Beauty" or try on a blond wig and go as Marilyn Monroe. Host a makeup party at home before you go out with your friends—you can help each other transform into a fearsome villain or beautiful princess.



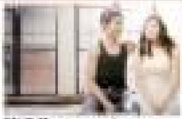
PICK a character that you already resemble.

3 Go as a recognizable character. It isn't a costume if you go as, say, Gossip Girl's Blair Waldorf—five years from now, you'll wish that you did something more outrageous instead of planting a tiara on your head. Not only will you catch everyone's attention, you'll also have a blast acting out your character the entire night.



PROPS enhance a costume.

4 Bring props. It's easier to identify your chosen character if you bring props when you go to parties. Try to make them as close to the original as possible—especially if the character has an iconic prop, like Snow White's apple.



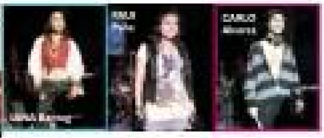
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5 If you're going in a group, try to follow a theme. It makes for more hilarious planning sessions with your friends, and you'll have great photos to boot. If you're into couple costumes, it takes guts and the ability to self-parody to pull this off; try going as a devil and angel.

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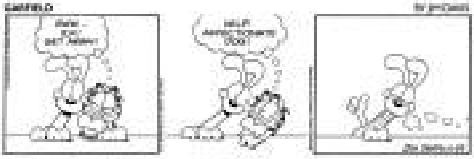
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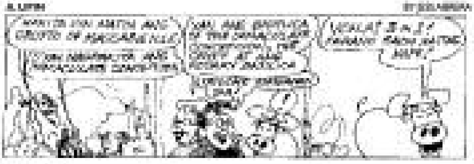




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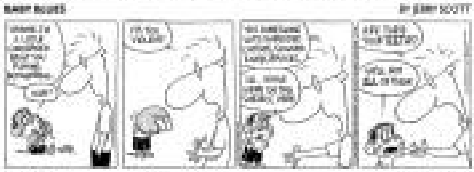
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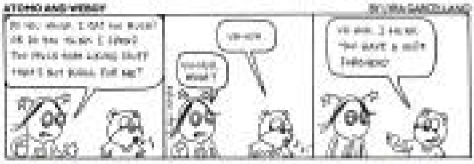
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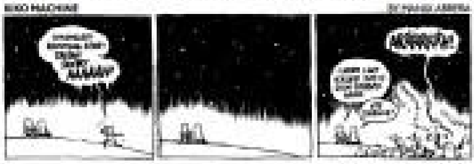
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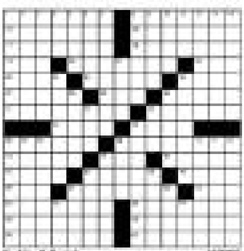
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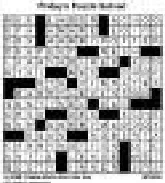
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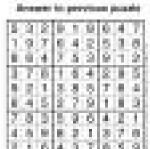
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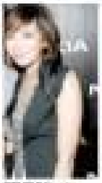
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iMac comes with Mac OS X, full of easy-to-use features like Quick Look, browse through your files without opening them, and Time Machine for automatic file backups.
Discover new ways of sharing your photos, enjoying music, creating movies and more. A lot more.
Every iMac is Wi-Fi capable, and available networks appear automatically. Just click on one and you're online.
Drivers are pre-installed. So connecting to things like cameras and printers is as simple as plugging them in.
And yes, it even runs Windows.
Test drive a Mac at Digital Hub, your local Apple expert


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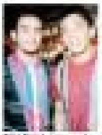


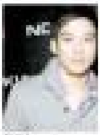

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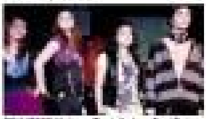
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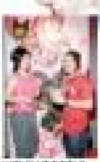
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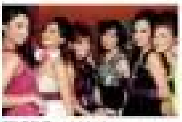
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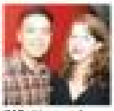
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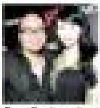

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PRINCESS Velasco, Danielle Lee, [illegible] and [illegible]


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STUDENT models backstage


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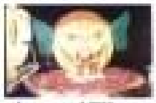


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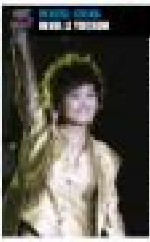
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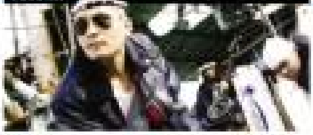
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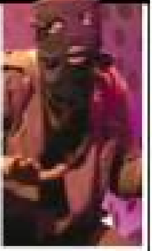


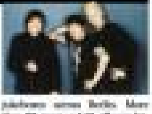
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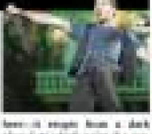












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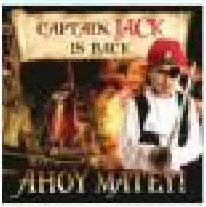
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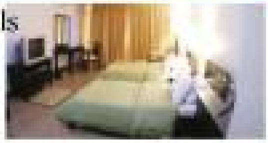
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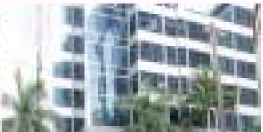
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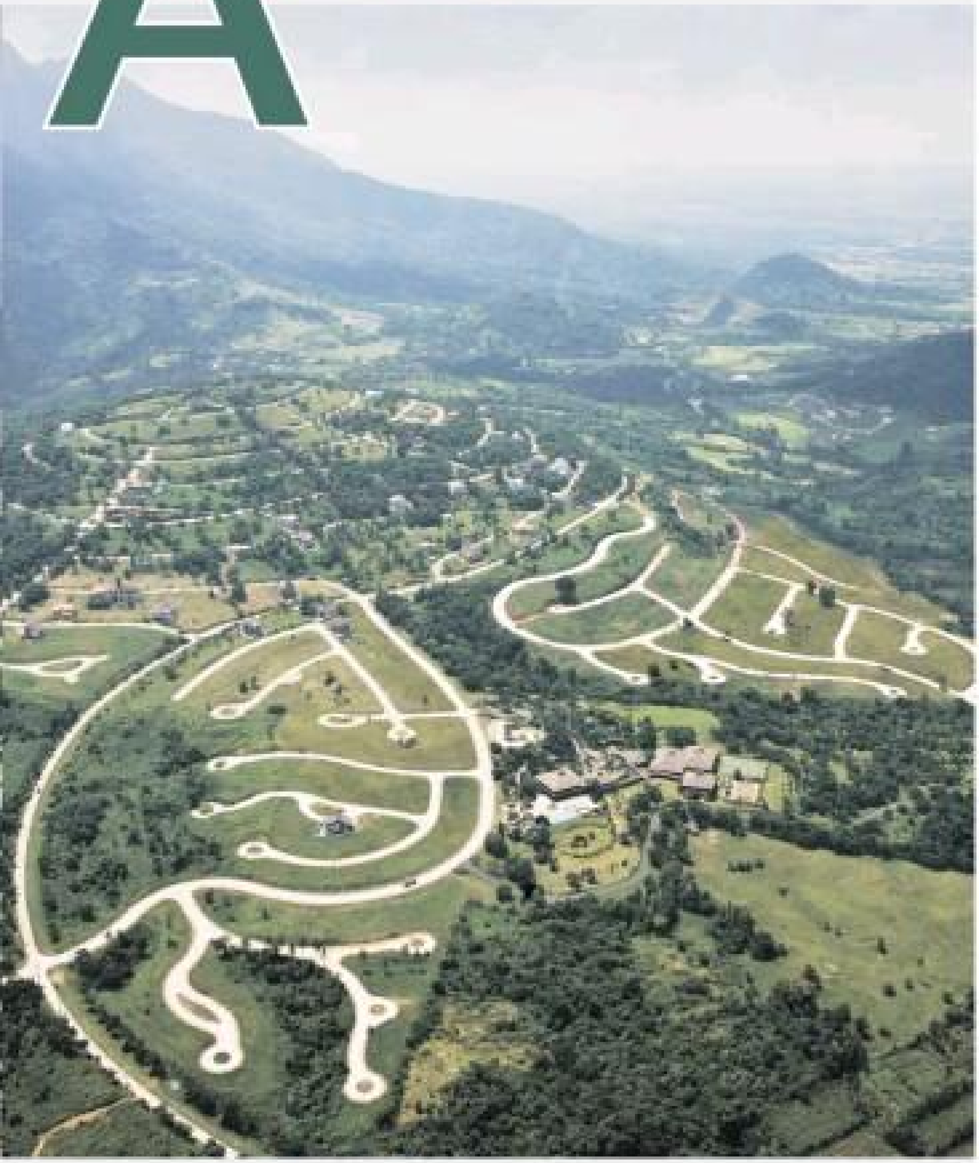
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SATURDAY *Special*
Editor Nestor U. Torre



Celebrity singing tilt gears up for big finale



FERNANDO. Upstaged by his singing partner, Pilita Corrales.

By Nestor U. Torre

JUDGING FROM THE MANY reactions we got to our "Celebrity Duets" article last Oct. 18, there's a great deal of interest in the GMA-7 singing tilt, especially now that it's down to its last five contestants.

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Most entertaining

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New problem

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MARQUEZ AND BUENDIA. Who will get the boot?

Spotlight workshoppers...

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The culminating showcase regales the workshoppers' guests with scenes written, directed and performed by the students themselves, a testament to how the workshop has developed them as artists.

Most of the workshoppers are experienced in the entertainment and performing arts field, and yet, they feel that the workshop has opened up new possibilities for them, and helped them arrive at insights and linkages that will motivate them to do better and more diverse work in the future.

The workshop has also made them fast friends and mutually supportive colleagues, and they plan to work together on group projects after the workshop has run its course.

For starters, their "Works in Progress" showcase entertains viewers with comedy numbers like "Parlor" and "Drake" directed by Sevilla, "Hula" directed by Mara, "Miriam" and "Battle of the Bands" directed by Seña, and the short film, "The Truth," codirected by Sumbajar and Seña.

Writing credits: "Parlor," "Hula" and "Miriam" by Lukang, "The Truth" by Seña, "Drake" by Baguinan.

Most of the scenes are performed by the workshoppers themselves, but "Battle" has Quilandres acting with guest stars Jessica Dizon, Miguel Mara and Andy Reis, and "The Truth" fields Pinky Marquez, Lez Marcos, Jasper Amoyo and Dan Lee.



"THE TRUTH" actors (from left) Jasper Amoyo, Lez Marcos, Pinky Marquez and Dan Lee with (at center) directors Seña and Sumbajar.



Milo Tolentino is on a roll

By Rina Arevalo

MILO TOLENTINO HAS mastered the art of short filmmaking. His "Daupan" (2008) and "Nadiang" (2008) both won Best Short Feature at the Cinemalaya film festival, the latter also topping the Asian Short Film category of the 13th Pusan International Film Festival. His latest opus, "Lah-ay: Candles Burning on Still Water," was the United Nations Millennium Development Goal winner in the 5th Cinemanila International Film Festival.

A visual artist and personal fitness trainer by profession, Tolentino—who used to be a nut to immerse in PBL—diligently joins the Cinemalaya competition every year. But, in 2007, his short film entry was rejected, and he began to doubt his creative self.



TOLENTINO: Big win at the 13th Pusan Film Festival.

He recalls: "I felt bad because it was the most expensive film I had directed, and we asked help from a lot people. I really cried over that. I thought 'Daupan' was just a stroke of luck, and that I wasn't any good at filmmaking."

Out of sheer frustration, he made "Nadiang" to redeem himself. The film is about a young boy's humorous obsession with the television set. He beams: "I'm very thankful to Cinemalaya. If not for this festival, I wouldn't be making films!"

Story

How does he "direct" amateur child actors? He replies: "I treat children as they are. If they want to play, let them play. Make them feel comfortable during shooting—and always bring a tive bag!"

As a director, he doesn't give scripts to his talents. "During the shoot, that's when we explain the story to them. The kids can retain only two lines at a time, so I shoot in-edit the scenes." He also photographs, edits and produces most of his films.

He's so good at handling children that UNESCO gave him a grant to film, "Si Pepe at Ang Mga Bulaklak (The Boy Who Loves Flowers)," joining other short films from Kenya, Iran, Mozambique, Italy and Mexico.

The 37-year-old filmmaker, who's preparing for his feature film debut, "Lukay," has one childhood dream left unfulfilled: To direct an episode of "Regal Films' 'Shake, Rattle and Roll.'" He explains: "I grew up watching the series. I love horror. I know I can contribute something to the franchise!"

Ballroom dancing back in vogue



STREET SMART

Mandy Navasero

GIL LALONGISBLANG WANTS to dispel the notion that ballroom dancing is only for matrons and geriatrics. "Not now," he insists, citing the fact that ballroom has become an integral part of many schools' curriculum. Gil says that ballroom dancing has also been classified a "national sport," and has gained entry into the Southeast Asian Games.

Lalongisblang knows whereof he speaks. He has helped ballroom enthusiasts develop self-confidence. I've started dancing myself at Black Betty's in Greenhills and at Ryders in Makati City with Boni Real (who inspires onlookers when she dances the Argentinian tango).

Health benefits

Gil serves as my dance instructor from time to time. He graduated with a degree in Industrial Arts. He was influenced greatly by his mother, who was into competitive dancing in her prime, and this eventually rubbed off on him.

Teaching has taught him discipline and patience. (He is assisted by Longino Enciso.) Aside from the health benefits one derives from exercising, there's much laughter and fun during his dance sessions.

Classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m., but he's willing to open more classes during the week to accommodate people.

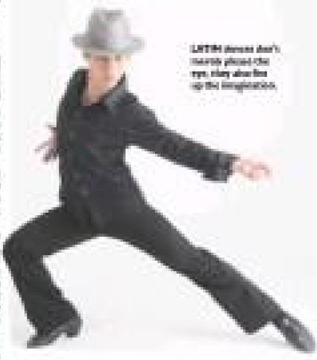
"There's a resurgence in Latin dances like the salsa, cha-cha, rumba, Zumba and merengue," Gil shares. "That's apart from standard genres such as the tango, waltz and foxtrot. They don't merely please the eyes, they also fire up the imagination."

Gil admits: "I take this seriously because this is my bread and butter. I have a feeling I'll be doing this for a long time!"

Gil conducts dance classes at Tiara Gym at the Daily Supermarket shopping complex on F. Tuazon st. and 20th ave. in Cubao, Quezon City. Call him at 437-0640 or 0920-744-4147.

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Join the Mandy Navasero Basmas Photo Safari from February to May next year. Register early till Nov. 30 and get a big discount. E-mail mandy_navasero@yahoo.com, or call 899-1767 or 896-3298.



LATIN dances don't merely please the eye, they also fire up the imagination.

Their legacy lives on

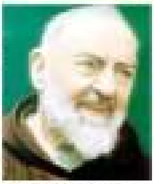
By Lilia Borlongan-Alvarez

THIS ALL SOULS DAY, WE REmember six remarkable political and spiritual figures and a member of British royalty whose legacy has changed the course of history.

Benigno Aquino Jr. The martyred opposition leader was persecuted and imprisoned by his nemesis, Ferdinand Marcos, after martial law was declared in 1972. He was assassinated on Aug. 21, 1983, at the tarmac of the Manila International Airport (later renamed after him) after a three-year exile in the United States. Thereafter, his widow, Cory Aquino, was swept into the Philippine presidency in a bloodless coup known as the "People Power" revolt in 1986.

Five rules

Padre Pio. St. Pio (or Padre Pio) was the Italian Capuchin monk and mystic who bore the stigmata (the wounds of Christ) throughout most of his life. He accepted it as a gift from God, though he said he would have preferred to suffer the pains of Christ's passion without the world knowing.



PADRE PIO: Saintly monk and mystic.

He laid out five rules for spiritual growth: Weekly confession, daily Communion, spiritual reading, meditation and examination of one's conscience. Known for his motto, "Pray, hope and don't worry," he died on Sept. 23, 1968.

Paul VI, John Paul I and John Paul II. The three popes are among the world's historical greats in the last four decades. The first ascended the throne of Peter in 1963. He reopened the Second Vatican Council. A "Marian pope," Paul VI was famous for his encyclical, Humanae Vitae, which condemned contraception and abortion. He was the first pope to set foot on Philippine soil—in November 1970.

Pope John Paul I was known as "the smiling Pope." Though he reigned as head of the Roman Catholic Church for only 33 days, he was known for many "firsts." He was the first pope to use a double name, which was meant to honor his predecessors (John XXIII and Paul VI). He was the first pope to refuse to have the traditional papal coronation, wear the Papal tiara, and be carried in the gestatorial chair.

Universal call to holiness

Pope John Paul II succeeded John Paul I in 1978. He traveled extensively to more than 100 countries and visited the Philippines twice—in 1981 and 1995. He canonized more than a thousand saints to emphasize the "universal call to holiness." He believed that prayers and faith would make men happy.

Princess Diana. Charles' bride fascinated the world with her beauty, elegance and grace when they tied the knot in 1981. After their divorce, Diana embarked on a crusade against land mines. She was also famous for her work with AIDS organizations and charities for children.

Mother Teresa. Who can forget the smile of this beloved nun? She, isn't known as the "Living Saint" and "Saint of the Gutters" for nothing. She started her own order—the Missionaries of Charity—in 1950. She would pick up the sick, the dying and the abandoned children in the streets of Calcutta, India, feed them, and nurture them back to health.

A Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Mother Teresa once lamented that the greatest form of poverty is that which comes from people's indifference toward one another.

Indeed, these great historic beings may have passed away, but their legacy stays with us.

Ramon Bautista, Francis M in fun TVC

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baby all he needs to learn to survive in the ocean.

The Sun Shop

Sun Cellular's retail outlet, The Sun Shop, recently opened at the ground floor of Waltermart in Gapan, Nueva Ecija. The Business Center offers prepaid SIM packs and call cards and accepts postpaid applications and bill payments, plus the Sun Retailer Kit for those who want to earn extra income by selling Sun's prepaid items. Interested? Call (02) 395-8000, or e-mail [illegible]

Movies on TV

On HBO today at 7 p.m., "Lady in the Water." Tomorrow at 5 p.m., "Brooklyn's Finest." Oct. 27 at 1 p.m., "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." Oct. 28 at 11:15 p.m., "Meet Joe Black." Oct. 29 at 7 p.m., "Little Children." Oct. 30 at 9 p.m., "Talladega Nights." Oct. 31 at 9 p.m., "Sweep the Yard."

On Cinemax today at 9 p.m., "Freedomland." Tomorrow at 9 a.m., "Dangerous Liaisons." Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., "Urban Legends: Final Cut." Oct. 28 at 7 a.m., "The Bridge on the River Kwai." Oct. 29 at 7 a.m., "Around the World in 80 Days." Oct. 30 at 9 p.m., "The Day of the Locust." Oct. 31 at 7 a.m., "To Catch a Thief."

Diwali festival

On Oct. 28, join the Indian community at Tagaytay's Taj Hotel as it celebrates the age-old Diwali festival with the lighting of lamps, fireworks, rangoli decorations, gift-giving and playing of [illegible] dance music. Call (0915) 821-4551, or visit [illegible]

'Big Shots'

Fridays at 9 p.m. on 2nd Avenue, "Big Shots" stars Michael Vartan, Christopher Titus, Joshua Malina and Dylan McDermott as competitive, but dysfunctional New York CEOs.

Halloween movie marathon

Disney Channel presents a Halloween movie marathon from 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 onwards, starting with "The Scream Team," followed by "Casper: A Spirited Beginning" at 9 p.m., "Scooby: Friends Forever" at 10:30 p.m., and "Casper Scare School" at midnight.

'The Chanting 2'

In the new horror movie, "The Chanting 2," [illegible] finds herself crossing over to the dark side as she fights off the members of an evil sect who are forcing her to join their circle. The sequel to one of the highest-grossing films in Indonesia has [illegible]

New album

[illegible] new anthology of hits, "The Platinum Ballad Collection," will be launched on Channel 7's "ASAP '08" tomorrow.

Ogie Alcasid's new single, [illegible], will be launched on Channel 7's "SOP" tomorrow. At 6 p.m., Ogie performs live at [illegible] to promote his "The Great Filipino Songbook" album.



NEW retail outlet of Sun Cellular opens in Gapan, Nueva Ecija.

[illegible] album will tour [illegible] at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Dog Costume parade

Tomorrow at 4 p.m. at [illegible], a Halloween Dog Costume parade open to all breeds will be followed by a talk on dog nutrition, health and grooming. Call 718-1167.

Films about Filipina volunteers

At 7 p.m. on Oct. 28 at Cinema 1, Gateway Complex, Araneta Center, Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) Bahaginan and filmmakers [illegible] present documentary films about the transformation that Filipino volunteers are effecting wherever they are. The featured films are [illegible] Diaries." Call (02) [illegible]

'Quantum of Solace'

Prince William and Prince Harry have graciously agreed to attend the world premiere of the 22nd 007 adventure on Oct. 29 at London's Odeon Cinema. At their request, the event will benefit two charities, Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion.

The premiere will also be attended by the movie's stars—Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Olga Kurylenko, Mathieu Amalric and Gemma Arterton. Marc Forster's film opens in the Philippines on Nov. 5.



[illegible] Grateful for the blessings

Facing reality

A MAN WITH THREE SONS WAS CONFINED to a hospital for an unknown ailment. After diagnosis, the doctor told the three siblings, "Your father has cancer. It has spread, and he only has three months to live."

Who was going to tell the father of his condition? The eldest son felt he couldn't do it because he didn't know how to spill it to him. The second son went up to their father and said, "Don't worry, everything's going to be fine. You'll soon come home, and I will bring you around to visit your friends."

Lotus Pond

R. Valencia and S. Bismark

But the youngest son told his father, "Dad, you have to be brave. You have cancer, and you have only three months to live. Just pray." The father was initially taken aback by the news, but he accepted it. It was a heavy task to break the bad news to his father, but the youngest son wanted to tell the truth. He also relayed the news to his brothers, who broke down and cried. Did he do the right thing?

Token of gratitude

After the father passed away, the youngest son received a special gift from his father as a token of gratitude. The Vedic literature affirms that what he did was proper and necessary. It was for the benefit of the dying.

The Shrimad Bhagavatam states: "During the last stage of a person's life, he should not be afraid of death. But, he must cut off his attachment to the material body and everything pertaining to it."

It's a great blessing to have enough time to prepare for our inevitable passing, and a great fortune to be surrounded with loved ones who can help us face the truth—and accept the reality of life and death.

Spotlight workshoppers mount acting, writing and directing showcase

WHAT DO SHOWBIZ LUMINARies Robert Seña, Miriam Quiambao, Lorenzo Mara and filmmaker Mike Sandejas have in common? For the past four months, they have been attending the Integrated Acting, Scriptwriting and Directing workshop at the Spotlight Artists' Center on Jupiter St. in Makati (tel. no. 899-8809 or 0922 8966644).

The intensive workshop is deemed to be a pioneer training program, because it's the first to combine acting, writing and directing in one module, with the view in mind of developing artists who are competent in all three fields, which are interrelated and mutually enhancing.

Exceptional fusion

This exceptional fusion of artistic activities has attracted other focused and committed talents like Shirley De Las Alas, Fides Herrera Lim, Grace Sevilla, Zig Bagamasbad and Andre Lalong to similarly involve themselves in the workshop's rigorous sessions, which are culminating on Oct. 29 with a "Works in Progress" theater and film showcase at the Spotlight Artists' Center.



PINKY Marquez (center) in short film codirected by Sandejas and Seña.



Ramon Bautista, Francis M in fun TVC

IN NESCAFÉ ICED COFFEE'S LATEST TVC, "[illegible]," master rapper Francis M is in his element, dishing out rap with authority while comic Ramon Bautista plays the wannabe master rapper, who audaciously feels he's capable of dethroning the master!

MONTAGE

The fun spot is a great showcase for the "boy-next-door-like" Bautista, who has a knack for coming up with witty lines that have endeared him to many. In "[illegible]," he couples that with the rap music that's so appealing to today's youth, and the result is a hit TVC.

Why the tie-up? Ramon explains: "I see rap as the universal language of young people, of being proud of one's abilities. ...That's why being a rapper is the perfect fit for me," he said sparklingly.

What was it like shooting the TVC with Francis M? "He's one of my idols, so I was starstruck at first. But, he's great to work with. I was dazzled by his skill and interesting his love for what he does. He's really a master rapper—one of a kind," Bautista raves as he looks forward to a high-flying career with Nescafé Iced Coffee. Visit www.[illegible].com.ph.

Celebrities star in Lyceum's 'Pasasalamat'

It was a big day for Lyceum of the Philippines University when it recently celebrated its founder Laurel's 56th birthday with the fiesta concert, "Pasasalamat," which also thanked the entire LPU community for its achievements.

Held at the new LPU campus in General Trias, Cavite, the fun event was hosted by Leo Martinez and Sunshine Vargas, and top-billed Gary V, Vina Morales and the 6 Thirds Band, made up of medical professionals.

In their speeches, presidents Roberto Laurel and Peter Laurel stressed the group's core values—"Veritas et Fortitudo" (Truth and Fortitude) and "Pro Deo et Patria" (For God and Country). The merrymaking was capped by a colorful 20-minute fireworks display that visually thrilled the university's best wishes for its distinguished board chair.

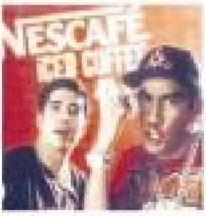
New Animal Planet

Celebrating 10 years of broadcasting in Asia-Pacific, Animal Planet offers viewers new programs, including stunning nature films, quality docu-soaps, docu-dramas and groundbreaking CGI.

Discovery Turbo, a new channel offering exciting entertainment for viewers who love everything motorized, has been launched in place of Discovery Real Time.

And, premiering tonight at 10 on Animal Planet, "Ocean Voyagers," narrated by Meryl Streep, provides a startlingly intimate portrait of humpback life through the eyes of a mother whale as she teaches her

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THE MASTER rapper and his wannabe successor team up in "[illegible]."

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Missed chances, new beginnings



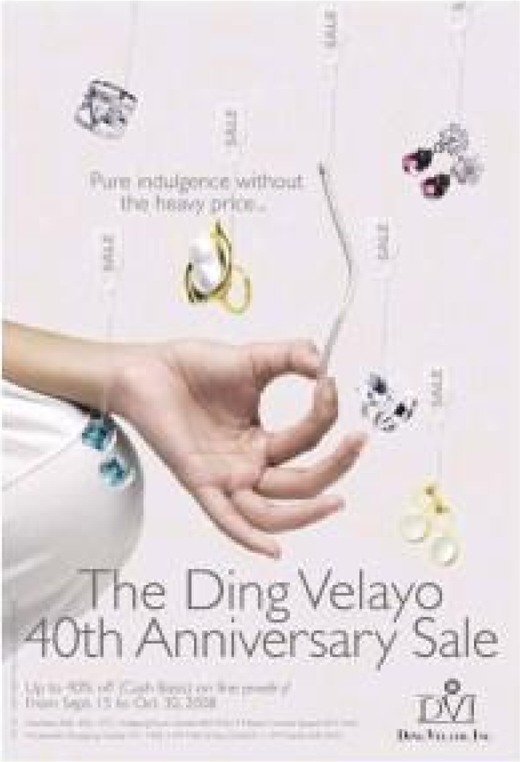
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By Rito P. [illegible]

WATER PLAYS AN INTEGRAL ELEMENT IN George C. Wolfe's screen adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' best-selling novel, "Nights in Rodanthe," as well as in Sean Phillips' "Sea Monsters 3D: A Prehistoric Adventure" [illegible]

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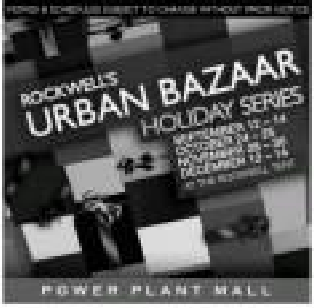
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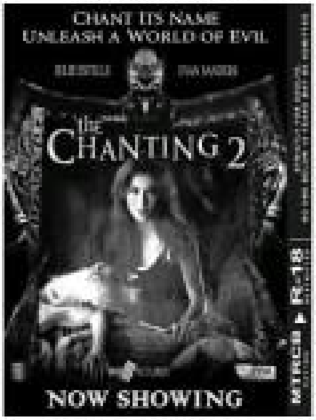




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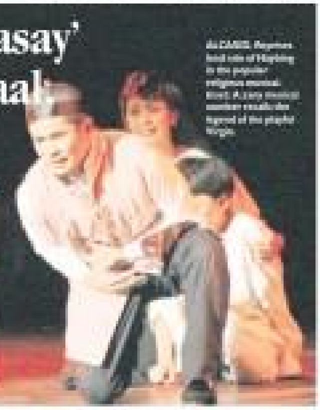
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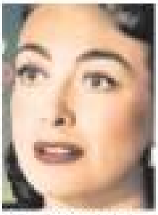






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KURYLENKO. "It's better to have one parent and get a lot of love than have two and get none."

New Bond girl isn't interested in romance

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LOS ANGELES—AS WE CONTINUE our feature on Daniel Craig, here's what the new Bond girl, Olga Kurylenko, told us about her costar in "Quantum of Solace": "Definitely, his eyes are quite powerful. They're among the things that make him very charming."

Unfortunately, Olga—a stunner from Ukraine who went on to model and act in Paris—apparently hasn't had much luck finding charming men in real life. Responding to a question about dating and romance, Olga gave an interesting reply: "I am not a person who has had a lot of romance in my life. I'm not interested in it. If it happens, it happens. It's hard for me to like somebody. I'd rather be alone. Most of my life, I've been alone. It's not like, if people want me, then I'd want them, too. I don't want anybody." Olga went through two marriages, which both ended in divorce.

The actress plays a feisty ally to Bond, who's on a mission to seek answers for the death of his beloved Vesper Lynd (Eva Green in "Casino Royale"). She reveled in the fact that her character, Camille, is the only Bond girl who doesn't get in the sack with the secret agent. She declared, "I'm very proud about that. I think he's done enough of that, because he's slept with a lot of women before. The fact that he loves a woman he truly loved makes him unavailable for this kind of thing in the movie."

Her own story

"'Quantum' starts one hour after the story of 'Casino' ends. He's devastated because he lost Vesper. I don't think he's ready for a new love story. There's none of that in his head, and my character is not concentrated on that, either. She has her own story. She's motivated by something she's been wanting to get done for years. When she meets him, romance is the last thing she's thinking about."

Olga, who was 3 when her parents split, recounted her childhood in Ukraine: "I grew up with my mother and grandmother. In the beginning, there was my grandfather, too, but he died when I was 9. After that, the two women raised me. I got so much love from them. I never missed my father at all. I don't regret it."

She didn't see her father again until she was in her early teens. "I met him, but you can't miss someone you don't know," she shared. "My mother never made a big deal about it because she was the one who left my father. It was her choice, and I respect it. It's better to have one parent and get a lot of love than have two and get none."

Her participation in "Quantum," which is directed by Marc Forster, is Olga's biggest break. She got to test Daniel's coolness as she drove him around in some of the film's exciting car chase scenes. "In the movie, I had to drive like a maniac because we were escaping from the bad guys," Olga recalled. "I had some training with the stunt team. They checked if I could drive, and if I could drive really fast. We had some obstacles. They taught me how to spin the car.

"In the scenes, I had to take abrupt turns or make a turn between two buildings that were very close to each other. I had to make sure the car did not hit the buildings. I had to do many takes. Daniel was very brave, because he was sitting right next to me. I was thinking, 'He must be having a heart attack.' He must have been thinking, she's not going to make it—but he kept his cool. He was the real Bond!"

Vertical wind tunnel

In Daniel's case, of the many difficult stunts he had to do, he singled out a scene where he and Olga had to simulate a free fall from an aircraft. The actor, whom we interviewed separately, shared: "We had discussions about how we wanted to shoot it, because none of us could say that we've seen a good sequence of a free fall from a plane in any movie. We went to this place that stunt coordinator, Gary Powell, knew. He had this idea to shoot in the vertical wind tunnel where there's a 200-mile-an-hour wind going upwards. You can actually simulate free falling. It was incredibly difficult, because Olga and I had to learn how to go into the tunnel with a camera and 20 other digital cameras around. It was potentially very dangerous."

As for his driving skills, which are put to a grinding test in the opening chase scene where he powers an Aston Martin DBS (Bond's preferred car model, which makes a comeback here), Daniel joked:

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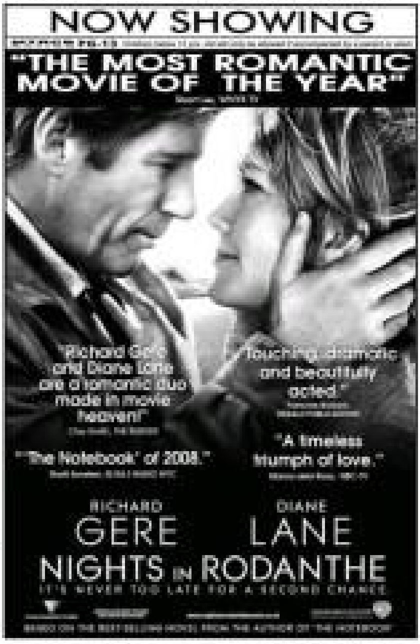
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"I can drive well in a straight line. I'm sometimes good at going around corners," he added. "Aston Martin gave me access to their cars before we started shooting. I took them out to test tracks. I spun them and did all sorts of things. Whether it has improved my driving, I can't honestly say, but I had a lot of fun doing it."

Told that one of his predecessors likes to point out that the Bond part is a difficult, arduous role to play and that, however high the pay is, it's never enough, Daniel agreed, his blue eyes smiling. "He's right," Daniel readily blurted out. "It's a very tough job. But, it's a very nice job to do. I get a lot of joy out of it. It's incredibly hard work. I'm working with about a thousand people to make the movie, and we're all working incredibly hard. I'm just at the front end. I'm the guy out front. That's all."

Challenge

For Daniel, part of the challenges of being Bond is that he has to stay buff. "I go to the gym five times a week," he said with quiet resignation. "Forty minutes at a time. I try to keep it to a minimum because I hate it."

He confessed that there are times when he does not feel like reporting to the set. "I'm like all of us," he admitted. "It's 5:30 in the morning, and it's freezing cold outside. I'm a bit worn." But, Daniel is known to be very disciplined. He recited his daily routine when he is shooting a Bond movie, which usually takes six months: "In the morning, I get up, I have breakfast at work, and I talk to Marc. We do the day's work. I come home from work. I go to the gym. Then, I do about 40 minutes of fight training. I eat, then go to bed. If I can fit in a massage, that's great." What if he's really exhausted? "I fall into bed," he answered, laughing.

Following a self-imposed, highly disciplined routine during filming makes Daniel go for broke when the shoot is done. He revealed, "The first thing that concerned me after finishing this movie was going on a holiday, to eat and drink what I wanted to, for 24 hours a day for at least two weeks. That's the reason I went to Italy on a holiday, drank, ate pasta and read books. I caught up on movies and other things that I hadn't been doing for the past six months."

One quibble is that, unlike "Casino," which featured a memorable steamy scene with Caterina Murino, there's no such sizzling moment in "Quantum." Daniel came up with a reason: "Bond just had his heart broken. To jump in with 18 women after that seemed wrong. It would have contradicted the storyline. It doesn't mean he now can't. We'll see what happens in the next movie."

On the impact fame has had on Daniel's life, he sounded resigned to the fact that people take pictures of him even while he's in the lavatory. "It comes as part of the territory," he declared. "The difference today is that everybody has a camera. That makes a huge difference on people's privacy. It's very difficult to say 'You can't take my picture' because it's already done, so I just try and keep myself as private as I possibly can. I keep out of the limelight as much as possible."



KURYLENKO AND CRAIG. Different kind of partnership in "Quantum of Solace."

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Teenage daughter

When he does appear on the red carpet, it's usually with his girlfriend, American movie producer, Satsuki Mitchell. The paparazzi even hound Ella Craig, his teenage daughter with ex-wife, actress Fiona Loudon.

With all the traveling he does to shoot in various locations and promote the Bond movie all over the globe, he virtually lives out of a suitcase. "I can feel stable in life, and I stay in beautiful hotels," he rationalized. "It's a privilege and it's nice. There are benefits to this job, and you have to take advantage of them. The Sistine Chapel was made available to us in the morning, before everybody got in there. So, we had a private viewing. Why would you not take advantage of that?" Still, he stressed, "I try and get home as much as possible."

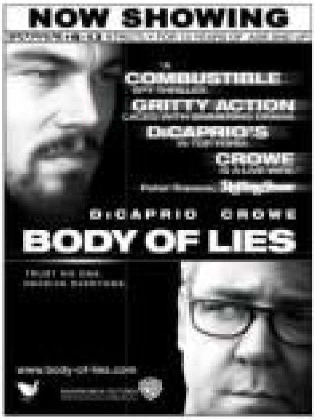
Daniel, who was a respected character actor when he was offered the Bond role, claimed that he has not regretted taking on the high-profile part. "No, it has never happened," he replied to a question if he's had moments of regret. "There are other things that concern me more at the moment."

Daniel, who next stars in Edward Zwick's World War II drama, "Defiance," clarified that he never said that he won't do a third or fourth Bond movie. "I never said that," he declared. "I'm just quite superstitious—I don't take anything for granted. That's all. And economically, the world is in quite a lot of trouble at the moment, so who knows if we can afford to do another Bond movie anytime soon? But, I'd love to do a third one!"

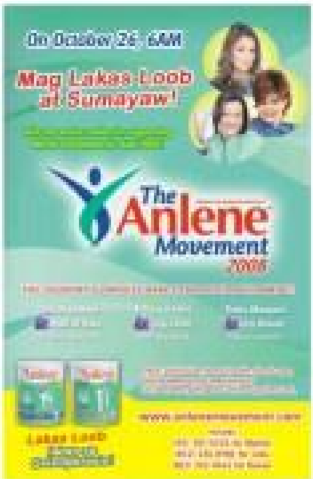
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